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May 18, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#47 MAY 18, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION
60TH STREET WEST AND AVENUE M
36-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
IN THE CITY OF LANCASTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project to construct a 36-inch water transmission main for Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, in the City of Lancaster; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:

1. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for 60th Street West and Avenue M, 36 Inch Water Transmission Main, water main construction, in the City of Lancaster, at an estimated cost between \$1,600,000 and \$2,300,000.
2. Call for bids to be received on June 15, 2010.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board), acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, to adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award, execute, and implement a construction contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the construction of a 36-inch water transmission main and the performance of other appurtenant work.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help fulfill these goals by providing the residents and property owners within the Waterworks District with a more reliable water supply system.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,600,000 to \$2,300,000. Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64) Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the construction of a water main, is part of the Department of Public Works (Public Works) ongoing program for the construction of water systems. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 120 working days. It is estimated the work will start in September 2010 and be completed in February 2011.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the construction of this water main.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On August 13, 1991, Agenda Item 30, your Board approved the Negative Declaration, for this project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by the Director or her designee will be made after review of the bids and determination of the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing residents and property owners within the Waterworks District with a more reliable water supply system.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



NOTICE INVITING BIDS,
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

FILED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

47 of 5.18.2010

DATE

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FOR

By *Sachi A. Hamai*, Deputy

PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004036

60TH STREET WEST AND AVENUE M
36-INCH WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN

Approved, GAIL FARBER, Director of Public Works

By

Gail Farber
Deputy Director

4/26/10
Date